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COTTON AND FIBER BRANCH, WESTERN AREA  
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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

PREPARATIONS ARE PROGRESSING FOR MOVING THE AREA OFFICE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO BAKERSFIELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE ARE INFORMED THAT WORK IS NOW UNDER WAY ON ALTERATIONS TO THE SPACE WE ARE TO OCCUPY AND WILL PROBABLY BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY BY AUGUST 1, WHEN MR. GOHMERT AND MRS. ARNETT ARE EXPECTED TO PROCEED TO BAKERSFIELD TO PLACE THE OFFICE IN OPERATION AND GET THINGS STARTED. THE WRITER WILL REMAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR A WHILE IN ORDER TO CONFER WITH THE FISCAL, PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISIONS AND MAKE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT PORTION OF THE WORK TO BE HANDLED BY THEM. WE ARE NOW AWAITING OFFICIAL NOTICES OF TRANSFERS AND INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE MANNER IN WHICH WE WILL FUNCTION WITH RESPECT TO THE "HOUSEKEEPING" UNITS HERE IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE.

WE HAVE JUST PREPARED AND SUBMITTED A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE, AND THE RESPONSE TO DATE HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING. OUR WESTERN AREA QUOTA IS \$1930.16, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT AT THE CLOSE OF THE DRIVE NEXT MONTH, WE WILL HAVE EXCEEDED THIS FIGURE BY A SUBSTANTIAL MARGIN, AND ALL EMPLOYEES WILL BE PARTICIPATING TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - EXCEPTING A GENERAL INCREASE IN TEMPERATURES THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, ABNORMALLY COOL DAYS AND NIGHTS WERE EXPERIENCED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. A DUST STORM BLEW OVER THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PORTIONS OF THE VALLEY DURING FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND WAS FOLLOWED BY LIGHT RAINFALL FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE EXTREME SOUTHERN END. NO REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED INDICATING POSSIBLE CROP DAMAGE. THE COTTON CROP, HOWEVER, IS REPORTED TO BE IN FAIR CONDITION ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL TWO TO THREE WEEKS LATE. THIS IT IS BELIEVED CAN BE EASILY OVERCOME DURING THE HOT MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. NECESSARY PAPERS WERE PREPARED AND FORWARDED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION FOR THE LEASING OF ADDITIONAL SPACE HERE IN THE PROGRESSIVE BUILDING. THIS SPACE WILL BE OCCUPIED BY MR. LANHAM AND HIS STAFF. THE LESSOR HAS ALREADY STARTED MAKING THE NECESSARY ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, THEREFORE THIS SPACE WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY ON AUGUST 1. MR. WILLIAM C. DIXON OF THIS OFFICE RETURNED LATE YESTERDAY, AFTER SPENDING SEVERAL DAYS IN CALLING ON THE VARIOUS GIN MANAGERS IN MADERA AND MERCED COUNTIES. ALL MANAGERS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT SHOULD THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR MODIFYING SMITH-DOXEY APPLICATION PROCEDURE BE ADOPTED FOR NEXT SEASON THEY WOULD COOPERATE WITH US IN SECURING THE SIGNATURES OF THEIR GROWERS ON THE SPECIAL CARDS. MR. DIXON ALSO DISCUSSED THIS WITH THREE COUNTY AGENTS, AND THEY AS EXPECTED WERE HIGHLY IN FAVOR OF SUCH A PLAN. THE WRITER WILL DEPART FOR LOS ANGELES MONDAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING ON THE WORK OF MR. ROY K. DORR, WHO IS NOW IN ONE OF THE LOS ANGELES HOSPITALS. LITTLE CHANGE HAS BEEN APPARENT IN THE DOMESTIC MILL DEMAND WITH ONLY A COMPARATIVELY FEW SALES FOR FILL-INS, PROMPT SHIPMENTS. INQUIRIES CONTINUE TO ORIGINATE MOSTLY FROM SOUTHEASTERN MILLS.....SMITH.

EL PASO - THE WEATHER FOR THE PAST WEEK HAS BEEN VERY FAVORABLE FOR COTTON AND THE CROP HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS, MOST OF THE COTTON IS NOW CHOPPED. SOME OF THE FIELDS STILL SHOW EFFECTS OF THE EARLY HIGH WINDS AND ARE IRREGULAR IN SPOTS BUT WITH CONTINUED FAVORABLE WEATHER AND NORMAL CONDITIONS WE SHOULD PRODUCE A NORMAL CROP. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN SIGNING UP S.D. GROUPS FOR THE COMING SEASON, AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL AGAIN HAVE A 100% SIGN-UP. CONSIDERABLE OF OUR TIME IS BEING TAKEN UP WITH MAKING OUT CLAIM CERTIFICATES ON THE 1943 SXP WHICH WAS SOLD TO COMMERCIAL FIRMS. THE PRODUCER MUST HAVE THIS CERTIFICATE SO THAT HE CAN COLLECT THE ADDITIONAL 183 POINTS FROM THE C.C.C. WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US AGAIN MR. RODNEY WHITAKER OF WASHINGTON, D.C., WHO PAID US A BRIEF VISIT ON HIS RETURN TRIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO WASHINGTON, D.C. MR. JAMES L. BUCKLEY AND MR. HENRY F. SHEPARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C., WERE VISITORS IN OUR OFFICE THIS WEEK. THESE GENTLEMEN WERE HERE IN THE INTEREST OF THE U.S.D.A. CLUB. MR. BUTTERWORTH AND MR. MACKEL LEFT ON THE 21ST FOR A FIELD TRIP OF ABOUT TEN DAYS DURATION AND WILL CONTACT PRODUCERS, GINNERS AND COUNTY AGENTS AND DISCUSS WITH THEM THE S.D. WORK FOR THE COMING SEASON. THE BASIS IS UNCHANGED, WITH VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY IN THIS MARKET.....NISBETT.

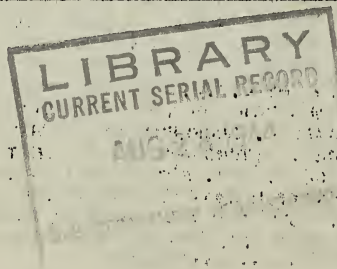
PHOENIX - NIGHTS HAVE BEEN VERY COOL FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. THE RECORDS GO BACK TO THE TWENTIES TO SHOW A LIKE COOL SPELL FOR ARIZONA. THIS HAS RETARDED THE GROWTH OF THE COTTON PLANT, BUT IT IS TOO EARLY YET TO PREDICT THAT IT WILL HAVE ANY ILL EFFECT ON THE YIELD. THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION SENT NOTICE THAT 43 ADDITIONAL BALES OF SXP REMAIN TO BE CLASSED FOR THE LOTS OF 1942-43 COTTON THEY ARE OFFERING FOR SALE. THESE SAMPLES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED IN PHOENIX TO DATE. WE HAVE BEEN BUSY LOOKING UP THE RECORDS OF THE SXP WHICH IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EXTRA PAYMENT, AND MAKING OUT THE PAPERS SHOWING OUR CLASS. MR. CRITTENDON HAS GONE TO OKLAHOMA TO LOOK AFTER SOME PERSONAL PROPERTY. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WONDER HOW THE FISH ARE BITING AROUND RUSH SPRINGS. CRITT HAS HAD HIS NOSE TO THE GRIND STONE FOR QUITE A SPELL, AND WE ARE GLAD TO SEE HIM GET SOME RESPITE FROM THE CLASSING OFFICE. ALTHOUGH THE MARKET IS CONSIDERED DULL, IT IS NOT QUITE DEAD. THE RISE IN THE MARKET HAS HAD ITS EFFECT ON THE PRICE OF 1942-43 EQUITIES. THE BETTER GRADES ARE BRINGING AS HIGH AS \$8.00, BUT MORE FREQUENTLY \$7.00; AND LOW GRADES AS LOW AS \$2.00. NO TRADING WAS REPORTED ON 1943-44 EQUITIES. SXP EQUITIES GRADING BELOW NUMBER THREE ARE BRINGING TWO CENTS PER POUND.....ERB.

# O.G. APPLICATIONS, WESTERN AREA, WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 1944

	ARIZONA				CALIFORNIA		NEW MEXICO		TEXAS
	DIST.				DIST.		DIST.		DIST.
	1 NO.	2 NO.	3 NO.	4 NO.	1 NO.	2 NO.	1 NO.	2 NO.	6 NO.
APPROVED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3

# COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN AREA, THROUGH JUNE 23, 1944

	WEEK	SEASON						
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	23		327,108	3252			958	331,318
EL PASO	NONE		175,327	760			4065	180,152
PHOENIX	NONE		122,946	192	292		5525	128,955
TOTAL	23		625,381	4204	292		10548	640,425



WM. B. LANHAM, MANAGER  
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